
PROJECT: 16-1699 ACQ, LEHMAN UPLANDS CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Sponsor: Methow Conservancy Program: WWRP - Critical Habitat Status: Active
Project Start Date: 03/01/2018 Agreement End Date: 01/31/2020

Progress Report Status: Accepted 01/31/2019

Report Period

From 07/31/2018 To 01/29/2019

Questions

#1: Describe the work accomplished during this reporting period.

Description is required

Appraisal received and reviewed in house; appraisal review contracted, appraisal sent to reviewer; grazing plan revised and near completion; CE revised and near completion; numerous meetings with landowner to refine grazing plan to insure habitat conservation; sources of additional riparian fencing funding identified; sources of additional noxious weed control funding identified.

#2: Are there any significant challenges that might hinder progress or keep you from meeting your project milestones? If so, please tell us about them.

Choice Yes **Description is required**

Appraisal was received several months late;

#3: Tell us about work planned for the next reporting period.

Description is required

Complete CE drafting; complete grazing plan; complete baseline; acquisition closing

#4: Do you anticipate you will need to request a modification to your project agreement in the next six months (time extension, cost change, scope change, etc.)? If yes, please explain:

Choice No

#5: If not identified in the milestones, provide property name(s) and closing date(s) for property acquired, but not yet billed to RCO.

Description is required

None

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Milestones

Milestone	Target Date	Completed	Delayed	New Target Date	Progress/Reason for Delay
Submit Draft Easement to RCO	02/25/2019		✓	02/25/2019	Contract signed 3 mo after milestones developed, resulting late start to project.
Baseline Documentation to RCO	04/15/2019		✓	04/15/2019	Early snow delayed some field work
Purchase Agreement Signed	05/15/2019		✓	05/15/2019	Late appraisal; see above
Noxious Weed Control Complete	06/01/2019				
Cultural Resources Complete	06/01/2019				
<i>Survey Required for ground disturbing activities: See Special Condition #1</i>					
Acquisition Closing	06/15/2019		✓	06/15/2019	See above
Annual Project Billing Due	07/30/2019				
Progress Report Due	07/31/2019				
Recorded Acq Documents to RCO	08/01/2019		✓	08/01/2019	See above
Stewardship Plan to RCO	08/01/2019		✓	08/01/2019	See above
Fencing Complete	08/09/2019		✓	08/09/2019	More fencing than anticipated due to habitat sensitive grazing plan
RCO Final Inspection	08/31/2019				
Funding Acknowl Sign Posted	09/01/2019		✓	09/01/2019	See above
Final Report Due	11/01/2019				
Final Billing Due	11/01/2019				
Agreement End Date	01/31/2020				
Need amendment to change					

Special Conditions

Special Condition #1: Cultural Resources-Survey Required
Funding for this project is partially derived through the National Park Service's Land and Water Conservation fund; therefore it is subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The lead agency has completed the initial consultation for this project and a cultural resources survey is required. The Sponsor must submit to RCO the completed cultural resources survey and receive from RCO a Notice to Proceed before any ground disturbing activities can begin. Please ensure that your project milestones provide ample time for the Agencies to coordinate review with the consulting parties. Construction started without a Notice to Proceed will be considered a breach of contract. In the event that archaeological or historic materials are discovered while conducting ground disturbing activities, work in the immediate vicinity must stop and the Sponsor must ensure compliance with the provisions found in Section 8 of this agreement.

Permits

Permits and Reviews	Issuing Organization	Applied Date	Received Date	Expiration Date	Permit #
None - No permits Required					

Permit Questions

No questions needed for this progress report.

Attachments

PHOTOS (JPG, GIF)

FILES AND PHOTOS

File Type	Attach Date	Attachment Type	Title	Person	File Name, Number Associations	Shared
No attachments match filter criteria						

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Certify & Submit

Status History

Report Status	Date	User	Note
Accepted	01/31/2019	Kim Sellers	<p>Hi Jon, I really appreciate the progress report. I don't know why I (Kim Sellers) am still tied to this project- I just spoke to Brian Carpenter about this project and I think we will reassign it to Brian soon. I did talk with Joy Schwab yesterday and we agreed to add a "Stewardship Plan" to your project agreement so that you can bill for those expenses. An amendment, that will need your signature delegate to sign, is on it's way to Joy. The delays that you mentioned in this progress report are understandable, but if you run into a situation where you are going to go beyond the agreement end date and need more time, please let Brian know as soon as you can. Kim</p> <p>Brian- Please call if you have questions. The main things that have caused delays are the late delivery of the appraisal and the number of iterations of the grazing plan we've gone through. Regarding the former, Vicki is chronically late but she is far and away the best CE appraiser we work with, so we live with her lateness. Regarding the latter, it's been a learning process, but an instructive and valuable one, and we're going to end up with a plan that we feel really good about. It's taken some time to identify pasture configurations and grazing regimes that benefit the habitat, but in the end, it's time well spent.</p>
Submitted	01/29/2019	John Sunderland	
Draft	01/29/2019	John Sunderland	